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EPA urged to ease air restrictions

Council backs Granite City Steel

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

National Steel Corp. plans to spend \$9 million next year to improve air quality in Granite City.

With that pledge in hand, the Granite City Council voted last week to support National Steel in its attempt to persuade the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to ease present restrictions on Granite City Steel.

National Steel officials have said that IEPAs regulations on air and water emissions prevent the company's Granite City Division from utilizing its blast furnace equipment at full capacity, thus placing the company at a competitive disadvantage.

The local mill has the ability at its Basic Oxygen Furnace shop to make about 7,600 liquid tons a day to send through its



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easters. But the IEPAs has until now limited caster production at Granite City Steel to 7,056 liquid tons a day.

The IEPAs recently issued a temporary permit that has the effect of allowing Granite City Steel to run full capacity until the end of 1995. National Steel is seeking to make that arrangement permanent.

John Goodwin, president and CEO of National Steel, has said that increased production

now, when the market is strong, is the best way to increase profits for the company.

"A short increasing our production capacity would increase our profitability," Goodwin said.

The resolution, passed by the City Council, also stated that "the future viability of Granite City Division National Steel Corporation is absolutely essential to the success of our local services in this area, and with our local governments would find it impossible to continue the level of governmental services demanded by the citizens."

Therefore, according to the resolution, the city requests IEPAs to "favorably consider the request by Granite City Division National Steel Corporation to remove or ease the present restrictions that have been placed on its production at its continuous caster, basic oxygen

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Input sought on signs

By Bob Slatte
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Those who oppose an ordinance placing restrictions on the height, size and type of signs in Granite City have about two and a half months to voice their concerns.

The City's Housing and Zoning Commission, at the request of a majority of the City Council, held a public hearing on the controversial sign ordinance Thursday night.

However, only one alderman — Kim Affolter — bothered to express any concerns at the hearing. No representatives of businesses attended.

The City Council, which (See SIGNS, Page 10A)

New bargaining tool

Prosecutors make use of furloughs

A ticket to temporary freedom apparently is becoming a popular bargaining tool among prosecutors, defense attorneys and criminals.

The number of furloughs granted to felons offenders is rising. Prosecutors say furloughs are needed because of overcrowding in the Madison County Jail and to help expedite the county's jammed court docket.

Defense attorneys say furloughs give felons time to get their homes and businesses in order before going to jail, but Madison County's top public defender is concerned.

"The State's Attorney's Office uses furloughs as a punishment," said Madison County Public Defender John Rekowski. "It's not a public defender is concerned.

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it around like a bright red flag and (defendants) can't help but jump at it. It's an easy way to get a conviction.

All (defendants) think about is that week they're free," he said. "They may not think in terms of long term. They don't think about the prison sentence at the end of the rainbow."

Madison County Associate Judge James Keshner said the process is a success. The majority of furloughed defendants are released for one week, although extensions are sometimes granted.

"There's a lot of incentive to come back on time," he said. "They usually plead to the maximum, and if they come back, their sentence is drastically reduced. It's usually cut in half."

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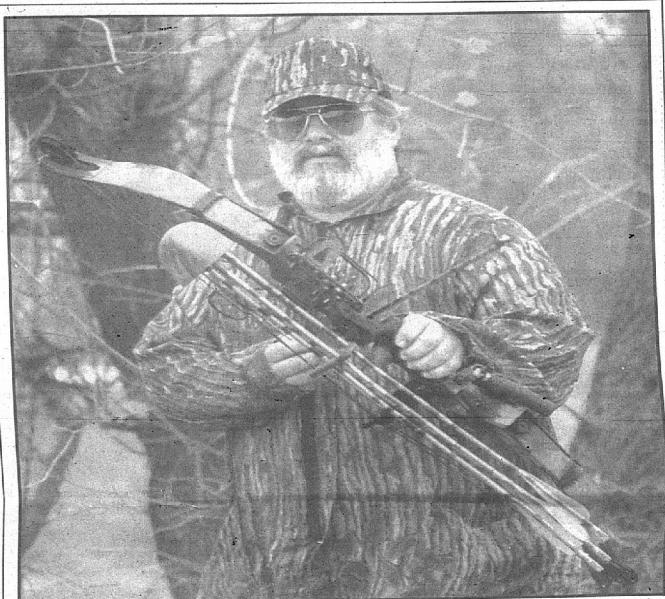
Twenty-five years ago

Dec. 11, 1969
Granite City Mayor Donald Partney urged an Illinois legislative committee to recommend new legislation that would limit the number of cars in any single train. Attempts to build overpasses in the city have been rejected because of a lack of funds.

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(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)

Ron Ulery of Collinsville is all set for deer season, which continues for bow hunters through Jan. 12.

It's hunters' time of year

While some may consider deer hunters "Bambi killers," conservation experts say the annual deer season is a way to prevent overpopulation and starvation.

And Illinois hunters took an unofficial total of 96,230 white-tailed deer during the firearm season Nov. 18-20 and Dec. 1-4, according to Brent Manning, director of the Illinois Department of Conservation.

That figure is 4,675 more than last year's total harvest.

Hunters took 32,655 whitetails during the last four days of the recently-concluded hunt in addition to the 63,574 taken during the November segment of the season. The total doesn't include those state sites where special permits are issued and another 1,200 deer were taken.

Paul Shelton, forest wildlife program manager

for the conservation department, said near-perfect weather conditions and a near-total crop harvest during both segments of the season contributed to the harvest.

"The proportion of deer taken these seasons is what we would consider a more normal harvest," he said. "It's about 66 percent of the deer taken during the first part of the 1994 season and the remainder taken during the second segment," Shelton said.

In Madison County, the total was 912 deer killed, an increase of 131 over last year.

The conservation department issued 263,400 firearm permits for the two weekends of the deer season, 23,000 more than last year.

The bow hunting season extends from Oct. 1 to Jan. 12.



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LOCAL NEWS

4 charged in shooting incident

Madison Police arrested three men and one woman for criminal trespass around 11 p.m. Wednesday after receiving complaints of shots being fired at Grenzer Homes in Madison.

When police attempted to speak with the occupants of one apartment, the occupants became aggressive and erratic, saying the police wanted to come in they would have to get a search warrant, police said. Police also found several ammunition shell casings around the front door of the apartment.

Upon investigation police reported finding two bullet holes in one of the apartments' walls. Authorities said several men then began leaving Grenzer Homes and were advised of the no trespassing signs posted. They were also advised that visitors were not allowed after 11 p.m.

Police told the men that they would face arrest if they returned and four arrests were made.

Nicole Farley, 20, Madison, was arrested for criminal trespass, resisting arrest and disobeying a police officer.

Deeveon Matlock, 21, East St. Louis, was arrested for criminal trespass and obstructing a police officer.

Daryl Coleman, 21, East St. Louis, was arrested for criminal trespass, resisting a peace officer and disobeying a peace officer.

Eric Coleman, 21, Washington Park was arrested for criminal trespass and resisting a peace officer.

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The Internal Revenue Service is trying to find taxpayers whose refund checks have been returned as undeliverable by the post office.

"We have \$164,601 in federal tax refund checks awaiting to be claimed by 437 Springfield District taxpayers," said John Wendorff, district director. "We want to see that these checks are given to their rightful owners."

The average refund is \$354.

The most common reason for the undeliverable checks is that many people move and do not leave a forwarding address with the post office.

Also, people who marry, change their name and address, and don't notify the post office may not receive their refund check.

Sometimes the address is not correct and the address on the tax return is simply illegible.

Taxpayers who move should notify the IRS of their change of address on Form 8822, "Change of Address," as well as the post office.

The best way to avoid misdirected refund checks is to use the peel-off label found in the tax package when you complete your return," Wendorff said. Another solution, which totally eliminates the problem, is to use our electronic filing system. With electronic filing, people can have their refunds directly deposited into their savings or checking accounts.

To ensure the accuracy of return information and the timely payment of refunds this coming filing season, the IRS is asking taxpayers to make sure they enter correct social security numbers on their return for themselves and their dependents. Failure to provide the correct numbers may delay a refund check.

If you believe you have a refund that was not delivered, you are encouraged to call the IRS as soon as possible. Call toll-free 1-800-829-1040, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A tax professional will advise you of the procedures for claiming the refund check.

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(Staff photo by KYLE HESTER)

Realtors are collecting donated bicycles to be given away for Christmas. From left, first row, are Rose Stern, Cathy Busch, Arlene Watkins, Janet Partney, Barb Wyatt-Yust, Evelyn Spickett, Neva Lucas, Marianne James, bicycle roundup chairperson, and Marie McCleary. In the back are Bernie Maxfield and Fred Fossick.

Bicycle giveaway in 5th year here

Hundreds of children from low-income families will receive bicycles this holiday season as a result of the fifth annual Great Bicycle Giveaway.

In the past, the effort is being sponsored locally by Coldwell Banker Brown Realtors.

People are asked to bring their

usable bikes to the Coldwell Banker Brown Realtor office nearest them between now and Dec. 21.

"It's time to clean out the basement and garage and help put a smile on a child's face this Christmas," said a spokesman.

Participants are asked to have the bicycles in usable condition

or have them repaired before dropping them off.

Coldwell Banker Brown Realtors has six offices in the Metro East area in Troy, O'Fallon, Edwardsville, Collinsville, Highland and Granite City.

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Briefly**\$51,163 collected in drive**

As of Dec. 6, the Salvation Army of Southwest Madison County, which does not include Edwardsville and Collinsville, had collected \$51,163.62 in its Tree of Lights campaign.

The Salvation Army's goal is \$130,000.

"There is still work left to go it is to early to tell how close we are to reaching our goal. Technically we are off by a couple of thousand, but hopefully giving will increase towards Christmas Eve," said Lt. Tim Miller.

Among the projects served by the Tree of Lights campaign are Christmas Baskets and Christmas gifts for needy children.

Miller said that with this being an election year he likes to think of each donation as a vote for what the Salvation Army does.

For more information, call Miller at 451-7957 or 797-2762.

Blood drive planned

The American Red Cross blood drive will be held Dec. 15 in the Ketelle Gym at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. There will be pizza and refreshments for donors and drawings for door prizes.

If you are considering being a donor, call 451-7957 or 797-2762.

You must be at least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds. In Illinois, 16-year-olds can donate with written parental permission. You must be in good health and feel well the day of the drive.

You should eat within four hours of giving blood. Drink plenty of fluids (water, juices or milk) before and after donating. Get a full night's sleep.

You can give blood safely every 56 days.

Donors are not accepted who have a history of hepatitis after age 11, jaundice, heart disease, epilepsy, diagnosed bleeding disorder, or who participate in activities known to be at high risk for AIDS.

Anyone who has any questions or needs more information about the drive should call Ruth Ann Gabriel, blood drive coordinator, at 798-3128.

Reading services on display

Reading services will be showcased during an open house at Edwardsville Public Library, 112 S. Kansas, Thursday, Dec. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Several organizations who provide services for adults and children who have difficulty reading because of visual impairments, physical handicaps, or learning disabilities will be featured.

Nearly all services are free of charge.

These organizations have been invited to exhibit and to give talks on their services: Illinois State Department of Rehabilitation Services, Central Illinois Center, Illinois Assistive Technology Program, Local Center for Independent Living, Radio Information Service, Personal Reader Service, Glen Brown and Associates, the host — Edwardsville Public Library — and sponsor — River Road Talking Book Service.

The public is invited to come and go at its convenience. Light refreshments will be provided. For more specific information call, toll-free, 1-800-537-1274.

Talking Books is a free service of the Illinois State Library and the Library of Congress. The service provides free books and magazines on audio tape, playback equipment, books and magazines in Braille, and descriptive videos for any U.S. citizen prevented by having a disability from reading standard printed material.

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From poverty to power

Judge credits upbringing

Ellar Duff mixed purpose, perfectionism and persistence to propel herself from a poor, rural town to a Madison County judgeship.

Growing up in the Southern Missouri town of Catron, which Duff described as one step above a shantytown, the community, three people instilled in her strong beliefs and desires — her grandmother, mother and father.

"The things these people said and did planted the seeds that developed my character," said Duff, a 45-year-old Madison County associate judge who presides over the Alton and Granite City courts, ruling on misdemeanors, traffic cases and small claims complaints.

Her mother, a single mother, had a second- or third-grade education, forced Duff and her sisters to be their best, she said.

Her mother showed her how sacrifice and hard work can pay off by going to school, working and raising five children. Her father helped instill egalitarian values, she said.

Duff left her Catron home

and began her journey to the bench at the University of Missouri at Columbia, where she originally graduated with a teaching degree.

"The only black people who were professionals were teachers and nurses. My mother was a teacher and the last thing I wanted to be is a teacher," Duff said. "In fact growing up, I was determined not to be a teacher." She went to college and became a teacher.

The law began to lure Duff while she was teaching elementary school in Catron. She learned firsthand about the complexities of law when she learned to go small claims court.

Duff took the Law School entrance exam at the University of Missouri at Columbia and received a scholarship.

Racial bigotry played a role in Duff coming to Metro East years later.

When she was about to graduate from law school in 1981, she began looking for a position at Columbia, Mo., law firms.

"I wanted to stay in

Columbia, but there were no black lawyers there and it seemed no one was interested in hiring one," Duff said. "I became frustrated and a friend told me about a fellowship."

Duff learned of the fellowship and then learned her assignment would be at Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance in Alton. Duff credits the fellowship with two years, and then was hired full time, mostly practicing family law.

Four years later she applied for and won a vacant associate judgeship.

The Tuesday after Labor Day in 1987 I was getting ready for lunch and my secretary said she was wanted on the phone by Circuit Judge John O'Neill," Duff said. "He called me and congratulated me and I was completely speechless."

Since then she has served in family court, juvenile court and Circuit Court.

The beliefs her father taught her have held her in good stead.

"I always said you're no better than anyone else but you're just as good," she said.

O'Neill said Duff is even-handed. "She is very



(Staff photo by KYLE HESTER)

Associate Circuit Judge Ellar Duff in court in Granite City.

conscientious and works tirelessly to be fair to both sides," he said.

Alton Police Chief Sylvester Jones said his experience in Duff's courtroom has been encouraging.

"I think she believes people should comply with the law,"

Jones said. "She gets the job done and she's respected in that courtroom."

Being a judge is not Duff's only job. She is a mother of two sons. Kehven attends

graduate school at Western Illinois University and 10-year-old Sean attends elementary school in Alton.

"Most of my free time is spent taking Sean to soccer, basketball and baseball games," she said.

Then there is the work maintaining her Alton home — a job that shows her perfectionism.

"I'm doing almost everything except the plumbing," Duff said. "I'd rather do everything

myself. In my whole life I've only found two people who do things to my satisfaction."

As a mother, she often sees people at the worst. People need to learn some of the values of her childhood, she said.

"One of the things missing from today's children is hope that things will get better," Duff said. "If children have hope then all their hopes and hard work are worth it."

From the Alton Telegraph

Bond sale set for Dec. 15

As a result of voters 4-1 approving Nov. 8 a \$12 million referendum to finance renovations at Granite City High School, bond sale is scheduled for Dec. 15.

The bonds will be sold via a competitive sale to ensure the lowest cost of interest expense over the 20-year life of the bond issue. Each of the three will be informed of the local interest in each in the purchase in some of the bonds. The winning bidder will be provided the

name, address and daytime telephone number of people who have expressed interest.

Interested investors should determine the per dollar amount (minimum of \$100) at which they are interested. They should then submit, by Dec. 14, their names, addresses and daytime telephone number where they can be reached on Dec. 15 and to Gene Logos, director of finance, 451-5800.

On Dec. 15, commercial banks and investment banks will bid on

the bonds being sold. The winning purchaser will be encouraged to offer a portion of the bonds to local investors.

While the district will encourage the purchaser to offer a portion of the bonds, it cannot guarantee the availability of the bonds. The purchaser will contact the local citizen on Dec. 15 or 16. Final interest rates will not be known until sales are completed that day.

Power company looks at Madison

Stirix LLC, an independent power development company, wants to locate an electrical power production plant in Madison, but the Madison zoning code doesn't allow for it.

So, an effort to allow the power company to come to Madison, possibly bringing new jobs and increased revenue, is on. Madison City Council passed a resolution last week recommending that the zoning board amend a section of the zoning ordinance.

The proposal asks that permit-

ted uses for an "I-1" Industrial District be amended to include electrical energy production and incinerator landfills, standard uses of electrical energy defined by the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and subject to a siting process for a Pollution Control Facility.

The amendment also asks that special uses including recycling, reclamation or a refuse center be allowed as provided in the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (IEPA).

According to City Attorney Casper Nighohossian, the power company is only in the planning stages of development in Madison.

"One of the first stages was getting the zoning amended. Apparently they've looked all around and are aware of what's around," he said.

Nighohossian said the company's next step is application for siting with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

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Open house Tuesday at new home care facility

Since so many doors in the community have been opened to welcome St. Elizabeth Medical Center's new Home Care Services, the program wants to invite the family and open the doors of its new

facility to the community.

SEMC's Home Care Services, which includes At-Home Care, Home Health and Hospital of Madison County, invites you to an open house from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 1901 Edison Ave., in Granite City. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will

kick off the celebration at 3 p.m. Following the ribbon-cutting, there will be tours of the building, displays of services, refreshments and door prizes.

To locate the new Home Care Services from St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2101 Madison Ave., take Madison Avenue west to Edison Avenue. Make a left turn on Edison Avenue. Home Care Services is located at 1901 Edison Ave., in the middle of the block.

Christmas event set at Six Mile Museum

The 10th annual Old Six Mile Historical Society's Christmas open house will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Old Six Mile Museum, 3279 Maryville Road, in Granite City. There will be Christmas music and refreshments.

The event is open to the public.

Christmas Crafts & Gifts

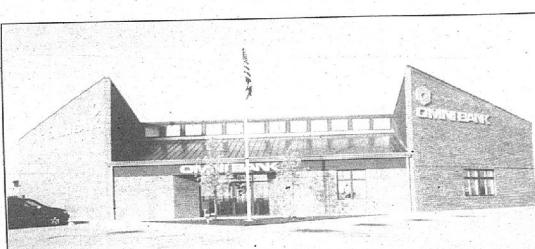
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LOCAL NEWS

Tips may help you avoid weight gain

The season of festivities has arrived, bringing special cookies, cakes, grandma's stuffing and many tried and true culinary delights.

If you are on a special diet, the holidays can spell disaster. Food accompaniments almost all festivities from the office party to Santa's snack, how can you avoid overindulging and remain within your dietary restrictions at parties and buffets?

Here are a few helpful pointers from the registered dietitians at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City:

• Eat a light, low-calorie snack before arriving at the party. Hot-air popped popcorn, rice cakes or raw vegetables would go a long way.

• Avoid hovering next to the buffet table. Choose the item you desire and proceed across the room to a quiet corner to eat the food. Many times when food is out of sight, it is easier to get out of mind.

• Bring a low-calorie hors d'oeuvre to the party. This way you know there will be at least one food item within your diet.

• Alcohol has calories. Be wary of items like eggnog, which contain up to 200 calories per cup. While wine contains about 75 calories per 3.5 fluid ounces; while a 7.5 ounce gin and tonic is 170 calories. Limit yourself in regards to liquids. Try club soda or diet soda instead.

• If the party is at a restaurant, telephone ahead to review the menu selection. You can order what you will order when you arrive so you won't be tempted into a high-calorie entree. Avoid gravies or sauces. Select items that have been baked or broiled.

• Exercise at least three times per week. Take stairs whenever possible or park at the farthest end of the lot and walk a few extra feet.

Transit facility expanding

Plans for expansion of the Madison County Transit District's main facility are continuing with the approval of a proposal to force the sale of three more pieces of property.

For the last week, the transit district board approved condemnations on three parcels of land, totaling about six acres, directly adjacent to the Madison County Transit Facility, near Interstate 270 and Route 111.

The land is owned by Ronald and Leah Guenther. Earlier this fall the transit district acquired another parcel of land from Janice White.

The need for expansion comes with the addition of buses. The board learned earlier this year that federal funding was approved for about 40 more buses.

"This facility was only designed to hold 24 vehicles," said Kane. Jerry Kane, transit manager, said currently there is only one fuel island at the facility and not enough parking for 40 additional buses.

The acquired land is planned to be used to expand the current facility.

However, Kane said the buses won't arrive for at least two years, and an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for funding for the buses is not even final yet.

"There's a lot of red tape to go through," Kane said.

Mobile home park to get water

Some 200 residents of Holiday Mobile Home Park in Pontoon Beach now have water service from Illinois-American Water Company.

Illinois-American recently completed construction of a water line to serve the mobile home park. Residents of the mobile home park, located at State Aid 30, between the I-255 interchange and previously-dredged wells for their water supply.

The project also provided service to nearby residents on Virginia Avenue and Lake Drive, where wells were poor quality, Illinois-American officials said.

The pipeline consists of 1.5-in.

feet of HDPE, durable plastic pipe.

An eight-inch line was also installed at Arlington Drive from Route 111 to the Arlington water district boundary.

The owners of Holiday Mobile

Home Park, John and Vincentia Schwartz, transferred ownership of pipelines within the park to Illinois-American, which then installed individual meters at each residence.

"He (Schwartz) wanted to get out of the water business," he said. "He tried to find a way that would be viable for him."

Robert Jackson,

southern division manager of Illinois-American.

Schwartz said he has negotiated with Jackson since 1987 to provide public water to Holiday Mobile Home Park.

"This installation benefits the residents of the park, the entire area of Nameco Township, and Peoria," Jackson said. "It will provide new businesses that will provide new jobs for the residents of the community," said Schwartz.

Jackson said the cost of the

extension totaled about \$400,000.

"The expense is due from customers attaching to these mains, justifies the utility paying the cost of the extension. When you take over an entire mobile home park, the water sales can support the construction costs," he said.

Illinois-American Water Company consists of five local and some larger, investor-owned water companies in the state. The company is organized into two divisions, the northern division with companies in Pekin and Peoria, and the southern division with companies in Metro East and the Cairo area.

The Granite City plant and distribution system serve about 16,000

residents in Granite City, Madison, Vandalia, Mitchell, Pontoon Beach and Arlington water districts and portions of Nameco Township.



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Concert will memorialize Glenn Miller

Big-band leader Glenn Miller will be honored with a memorial concert of his music at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College, 4950 Maryville Road, in Granite City.

This marks the 50th anniversary of Glenn Miller's disappearance while in England during World War II, leading to an open piano in bad weather for France. The concert will feature drummer Stan Fornaszewski and his orchestra with vocalist Bonnie Forrester.

"The most requested songs this band has is for the music of Glenn Miller," said Stan Fornaszewski.

"Anything we do a Miller concert, it always has the most attendance. You know the most sold big-band recording of all



Stan Fornaszewski

time was his 'In the Mood.'

He said his plans

to attend the Glenn Miller

festival in Miller's hometown,

Clarida, Iowa, next year.

"Every year this annual

festival gets bigger and

bigger," Fornaszewski said.

"The Hardee's Restaurant

in Clarida is decorated with

Glenn Miller photos all

over. His band room has

been completely renovated.

They also have a Glenn Miller

Museum. I know there's a



Glenn Miller

Glenn Miller Society that's very active in England, too. I collect big-band memorabilia and my favorite item is an autographed picture I have of Glenn Miller's autographs are hard to find.

"Miller had lots and lots of hit records throughout his time with the band and we're going to play two hours of them at the memorial concert," he said.

The concert is free to the public.

Madison to seek federal funds to hire police officer

By Hiley Schulte
Staff writer

The Madison City Council has agreed to with applications to the state of Illinois. Biegel's request to apply for a federal Cops Fast grant.

According to Biegel, the grant, which was introduced through President Bill Clinton's administration, pays 75 percent of the salary of up to four new police officers for municipalities under 10,000 population.

"The grant pays 75 percent of the salary of up to four officers per year, with a cap of \$75,000," said Biegel.

However, Biegel noted that that money does not cover any training, uniforms or overtime.

Biegel estimated that for one officer obtained through the grant, the city would have to pay about \$53,000 over the three-year period.

reduced with another officer.

The council still had questions about the grant, and Biegel had no answers for some of them. But since the application must be to the federal government by Dec. 31, the council agreed to let Biegel apply.

"I was under the impression that we may hire another officer and through this grant, we would save money," Biegel said.

He also noted that approximately \$2,000 per month is being spent to pay police overtime. He said the overtime would be

reduced if the city can't put the extra money together, it will not continue the application process.

In other action, a motion to pay Manuel Kastin, a Madison resident, \$44 for the cost of (See MADISON, Page 6A)

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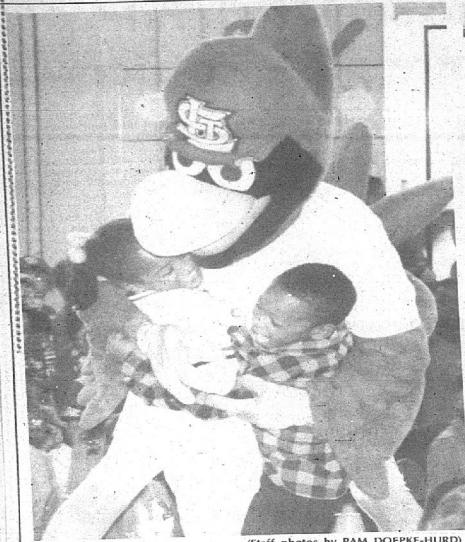
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Take me out to... — Fredbird, the baseball Cardinals' mascot, brightened up a December day for students at Harris School in Madison recently. Above, second graders Alicia Augustine, left, and Johnnell Robinson get a hug during the school assembly. At top right, third grade teacher Lois Brazil leads students and teachers in singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." Below right, Harris School Principal David Becker dances with Fredbird.



•Madison—

(Continued from Page 5A)
asphalt, which he used to repair city property behind his house, failed.

According to Alderman Michael Vrabec, Kastin had asked the city to "fix" his property, but he had not responded to his request and wants to be reimbursed by the city.

"This has become a festering sore that needs to be disposed of," said Alderman Norris Horst.

City Attorney Casper Nighosian said the city has no obligation to repair Kastin's property. "If you do, you're opening a can of worms, and everyone will expect to be paid," he said.

"I gave the man \$44 myself and he won't accept it. I just want to let you know that I am firmly against it," said Mayor John Bellcoff.

The motion failed with three voting against, two in favor, one present vote and two abstentions.

In other business at Tuesday's meeting:

The council agreed to the purchase of a 10-foot V-box spreader for snow and ice control to replace a 10 year-old tailgate spreader. The purchase request was made by Alderman of Streets Robert Robbins.

A condemnation at 1513 Second Street was approved.

A letter from Christopher R. Pook, chairman and chief executive officer of the Grand Prix Association of Long Beach Inc. and new owner of Gateway International Raceway, was placed on file with contents redacted.

The letter thanked the council for hearing Pook's presentation at the last meeting and offered to meet with the council to discuss mutual objectives.

Mayor Bellcoff thanked Ted Ostrenga of the 1200 block of Greenwood Street for donating a large Christmas tree to the city.

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What is your favorite winter sport?

By T.W. MILLER



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easy on old bones."



Bob Barnhart Granite City
"Bowling, because you can do
it indoors. I also like to watch
football on TV."



Steve Logue Granite City
"Hockey, because I like the
action."



Paul Caban Granite City
"Making art."



Dale Coffin Granite City
"Football, because it's not dull
and it's fun to watch because
there is a lot of activity."

NAACP to meet

The Madison-Venice branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Venice Public Library.

The Rev. Harold Wilson, president, said the meeting will focus on employment opportunities.



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Arlington Park cancels racing

Area horse breeders, owners are worried

Cancellation of horse racing next year at Arlington Park International Racetrack in Chicago has breeders and owners concerned about the future of the industry.

Arlington Park's closing will further depress the horse racing industry in a state that is "already holding on by its fingernails," said Pat Whitworth.

(The closing will further depress the horse racing industry in a state) already holding on by its fingernails. It certainly can't help but affect the entire industry when the crown jewel of Illinois is closed.

— Pat Whitworth

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Ribbon cutting



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

New salon — Finger Tips Nail Salon held a ribbon cutting to celebrate its grand opening. From left in the front row are R.C. Bush, executive vice president of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce; Sherry Warren, nail technician; Margaret Stroder, owner; Judy Spencer, nail technician; Joanna Spencer, Chamber ambassador; and Cathy Goclan, Chamber ambassador; in back row from left are Roger Stroder; Carolyn Blasingame, Chamber ambassador; Robin Thomas, Chamber Women's Division president; Ed Besserman, Chamber ambassador; Jeanette Holder, Chamber ambassador; and Tim Warren. Finger Tips Nail Salon is located at 2128 D Pontoon Road next to Captain's Clipper and is open Monday through Saturday by appointment. Call 877-1115 for more information.

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Specialized Services receives top certification

Specialized Services Inc. has been awarded the highest certification from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities (CARF) for the fifth successive term. This three-year award is the highest level of compliance acknowledged by the nationally recognized organization.

The mission of CARF is to serve as the preeminent standards-setting and accrediting body to promote the delivery of quality services to people with disabilities. This is accomplished by establishing service standards for facilities that work with individuals with disabilities and applying those standards to the agency in an effort to determine the degree of compliance. An accreditation from CARF is universally recognized by all local, county, state and federal organizations and departments.

Specialized Services Inc. is a not-for-profit rehabilitation facility located in Alton currently serving an average of 800 persons with physical, mental and vocational disabilities. The agency provides pre-vocational and vocational training, as well as residential services. It operates two new facilities in Alton and Granite City and provides subcontracting services for many area businesses and industries.

Dr. Bauer wins fellowship

Dr. Joachim O. Bauer of Edwardsville was awarded fellowship in the American College of Dentists on Oct. 21 at the college's annual meeting in New Orleans.

Bauer is a member of the American Dental Association, Illinois State Dental Society and Madison District Dental Society. He is also a member of the American Association of Orthodontists, the Illinois Society of Orthodontists and Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation.

A board-certified specialist in orthodontics, Bauer is practicing in the Edwardsville-Glen Carbon and Granite City areas.



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Glue berries into pine. Add a ribbon hanger through gold loop.

Materials for Painted SWIRL Ornament:
• Acrylic paints in 2-oz. squeeze bottles • Small paper cups • Chenille stems

Remove cap from top of ornaments. Hold ball with the opening up and off center. Pour gold paint into opening, allowing the paint to run down inside ball. Pour white paint down to the bottom of the ornament. Repeat around the inside 3-4 times. Pour second color between the gold. Turn ball around and allow the colors to swirl together. Make sure all areas are covered with paint. If not, add a touch of either color.

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Materials for Snowman:

- 2" black glass ornaments • White and black acrylic paints • Two 1/2" green pom poms • 12" of #9 plaid ribbon • Christmas spray • 4" gold #1/4" ribbon • Orange felt • Sponge • Cool melt glue and glue gun

Paint white paint over entire ornament, leaving some of the glass showing. Allow to dry and paint irregular shapes for "coal" eyes and mouth. Roll orange felt into a carrot shape and glue to face. Add dots of white to each eye for highlights. Glue ends of gold ribbon to each side of ornament, follow with the pom poms. Roll and fold plaid ribbon to form a scarf and glue to bottom of ball.

Materials for Snowcap:

- Delta decorative snowpaint
• 1/2" red satin ribbon • Red berries • One 12mm pine stem • Cool melt glue and glue gun

Paint snow over top of ornament, working around the gold cap. Allow to dry overnight. Form a double bow of red ribbon and glue to top of ornament just in front of cap. Cut pine stems into 1/2" pieces. Fold pieces in half and glue to

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Willye Lowery

Willye Mae (Wigfall) Lowery, 76, of Madison, died Monday, Dec. 5, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born Jan. 16, 1918, in Greenville, Miss.

Employed by American Steel for 30 years, she was a member of Madison First Church of God in Madison and active in several organizations until her health began to fail.

Survivors include one son, Charles L. Lowery of Chicago Heights; one daughter, Debra Ann Lowery of Madison; one brother, Robert W. Lowery of Venango; two sisters, Viola Wattis of Glen Allen, Miss., and Ethel Walker of Chicago; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Denb "Red" Lowery; her parents, Sonny and Rosalie Anna Wigfall; and two sisters, Roberta Jordan and Marie Bell.

Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Madison First Church of God, 1027 Bissell St., Madison, where services are at 11 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Ed Hart officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials to the Rogers family are suggested.

Ashley Rogers

Ashley Nicole Rogers, 1-day-old daughter of Mark Rogers and Angela Brock of Granite City, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1994, at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis. She was born Dec. 5, 1994, in Granite City.

Survivors in addition to her parents, include one brother, Marcus Alexander Rogers of Granite City; her paternal grandmother, Sandra Dunn of Granite City; maternal grandparents, Joe and Juanita Brock of Granite City; and his great-grandparents, John and Pauline Brock of Granite City, and Juanita Smith of St. Louis.

Visitation is from 10 to 1 a.m. Monday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, where services are at 11 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Ed Hart officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

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Adam Rogers

Adam Patrick Rogers, 20-month-old son of Mark Rogers and Angela Brock of Granite City, died Monday, Dec. 5, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born Dec. 5, 1994, in Granite City.

Survivors, in addition to parents, include one brother, Marcus Alexander Rogers of Granite City; maternal grandmother, Sandra Dunn of Granite City; his maternal grandparents, Joe and Juanita Brock of Granite City; and his great-grandparents, John and Pauline Brock of Granite City, and Juanita Smith of St. Louis.

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James Tooley

James Tooley, 69, of Attica, Mich., formerly of Granite City, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 1994, at his residence after being ill for several months. He was born June 11, 1925, in Venice and had been a resident of Attica for many years.

Owner and operator of Tooley's TV Service for many years and employed with Michigan Bell Telephone from 1950 to 1962, he was a member of the Catholic faith. He was a member of a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Inlay City, Mich. Eagle and the American Legion. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He includes three daughters, Pamela Kalske of Flint, Mich., Sue Tooley of Attica and Linda Wheeler of Lapier, Mich.; one brother, Orlon Tooley; a son, Stanton; and one sister, Elaine Trick of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia (Uplegger) Tooley, and he died in 1965; and in 1979, one daughter, Melissa Ellen Tooley, who died in 1962; his parents, Oscar and Myrtle Tooley; three brothers; and one sister.

Services were Dec. 7 at Meier Brothers Funeral Home in Inlay City.

Memorials to the Rogers family are suggested.

Officials prepare for Missouri raid on casino gaming money

One-armed bandits in Missouri are expected to steal some of Alton's take from riverboat gaming.

Missouri riverboat casinos began operation of slot machines Friday, and Alton Belle Casino and Alton officials expect the Belle's revenue to sink somewhat.

Alton Treasurer Dan Beiser said he is encouraging city officials to plan for a 30 percent decrease in gaming revenue in fiscal 1995-96. The decrease could jeopardize some of the city's already planned expenditures for the coming year, he said.

Beiser said he expects the Alton Belle to remain a strong source of revenue for the city but that competition across the river is bound to take a bite out of the casino's profits.

"Now that all the players are on the same card, I think by the first part of the year we'll finally be able to get a good idea on how much revenue the boat will provide. It will always be a good source of revenue for the city," he said.

The Alton Belle, whose 655 slot machines have been the only legal ones in the St. Louis area for more than three years, began competing Friday with about 1,600 slot machines on the Station Casino in St. Charles, Mo., and about 1,500 on The President Casino in downtown St. Louis.

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G. Dan Marshall, director of investor relations for Argosy Gaming Co., which owns the Alton Belle, said Wall Street analysts project a 30 percent decrease in slot takes on Illinois riverboat casinos.

"We saw a drop in table games here when they started in Missouri, so we'd be crazy not to expect a drop in slots when they start in Missouri. I think it will take a few months before we see how much of a drop it is."

"When something new opens, it's hard to figure for people to go check it out. But most people end up at their favorite place, and we're hoping lots of people will be here," Marshall said.

He said 1995 may show the first steady income pattern for the Alton Belle since it first set sail September 1991.

"First we had the little boat, then we've got the big one, and then the flood hit last summer. It certainly hasn't been a straight line graph for us so

far," he said. By March 31, the end of the current fiscal year, Alton is expected to have received as much as \$14 million in gaming money since September 1991. About \$2.2 million is currently for the city's general fund, which pays for city employees' salaries and regular operating expenses.

Major Bob Towsy said the 1995-96 budget will include about \$4.2 million in gaming fund expenditures, the same amount as last year's budget. Since actual gaming revenue this fiscal year is expected to be nearly double projections, Towsy said that by not increasing budgeted amounts for last year, the city actually will reduce the amount of gaming money it anticipates.

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City with the Rev. John Dunn officiating. Burial was in Attica Township Cemetery in Attica.

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Adopted the sign ordinance about three months ago; requested last month that the Planning and Zoning Commission consider the ordinance to restrict the size and height of all business signs in the city.

After considering the testimony by Affolter, the commission decided to recommend that the ordinance be again placed into effect by March 1. The commission will hold at least one public hearing on the issue each month until that time in order to give opponents and proponents more opportunities to express their opinions.

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ENTERTAINMENT

RELEASE DATE—Sunday, December 11, 1994

Movie schedule

Film timetable for Sunday, Dec. 11. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

ALTON CINE

2640 Clair St. 462-1131
Disclosure (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30

Star Trek Generations (PG) 2:20, 4:45, 7:15

CARMIKE PETTIE

1-70 Hwy, Suite 100, Collville, 344-1768

Drop Zone (R) 1:15, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30

The Santa Clause (PG) 1:15, 3:30

Star Trek Generations (PG) 1:00, 3:45, 7:15, 9:45

Drop Zone (R) 1:00, 3:30, 5:00, 6:30

Check theater for movies and times.

EASTGATE CINE

Eastgate Center, E. Alton, 254-5289

The Santa Clause (PG) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00

Interview With The Vampire (R) 1:15, 4:30, 7:30

Drop Zone (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:15

A Low Down Dirty Shame (R) 2:45, 5:30, 7:45

Junior (PG) 2:00, 4:45, 7:15

Pulp Fiction (R) 1:00, 3:00, 5:30

Drop Zone (R) 1:00, 3:30, 5:00, 6:30

COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINE

Edwardsville, Ill.

The Lion King (G) 1:45, 4:15, 8:45, 9:45

StarGate (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45

Forrest Gump (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

100% Pure (PG) 1:00

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Drop Zone (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 10:00

A Low Down Dirty Shame (R) 1:45, 5:05, 7:30, 9:45

Disclosure (R) 1:00, 3:30, 7:30, 10:15

Disclosed (PG) 1:00, 5:15, 8:15

Trapped In Paradise (PG-13) 1:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:00

The Lion King (G) 1:20, 3:30, 5:30, 7:40, 9:35

Junior (PG-13) 1:15, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45

The Professional (R) 1:45, 5:20, 7:45

The Santa Clause (PG) 1:10, 3:15, 5:15, 7:30

Star Trek Generations (PG) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40

Pulp Fiction (R) 7:30

100% Pure (PG) 1:00, 3:30, 5:30

Drop Zone (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 10:00

McCaustland (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 10:00

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LINCOLN CINE

103 Main St., Belleville, 233-0123

A Simple Twist Of Fate (PG-13) 2:00, 7:15, 9:25

Color Of Night (R) 1:45, 7:00, 9:25

The Puppet Masters (R) 7:05, 9:15

NAMEOKI CINE

30 Nameoki Village, 74-6320

The Professional (R) 2:30, 7:15

Frankenstein (R) 2:00, 7:00

QUAIL CINE

Belleville, Ill.

Star Trek Generations (PG) 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

The Santa Clause (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

Junior (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 8:15

Disclosure (R) 1:30, 3:30, 7:00, 9:45

Drop Zone (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 10:00

Trapped In Paradise (PG-13) 1:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:00

The Pagemaker (G) 1:05, 2:50

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Retired teachers' fund faces crisis

Retired teachers are preparing to press state government to solve a funding crisis in their health insurance program.

State Sen. Evelyn Bowles of Edwardsville met last Tuesday with retirees in Edwardsville and Alton to discuss the problem.

"The ball is in your court," she said. "You need to do some lobbying. You have the numbers of people who really put some pressure on the government."

Later Tuesday, a spokesman for Gov. Jim Edgar said the governor is not eager for the state to take on the responsibility.

Edgar said he is listening to concerns, but I would not expect any rush to take on the responsibility of funding health insurance for former local government employees," spokesman Mike Belletire said.

Teachers' Retirement System officials project the fund used to subsidize health coverage expenses for retirees will dry up by April 30.

The crunch could eliminate reasonably priced insurance for about 33,000 retirees and lead to a tripling of their premiums, up to \$365 to \$465.

The health insurance plan is available to retired educators who are members of the Teachers' Retirement System, one of five state retirement systems. The insurance program was created by the General Assembly in 1979.

Initially, participants paid premiums covering half the program's cost and TRS used interest on retirement funds to pay the rest. But high interest rates produced a big surplus, and in 1991, the Legislature hiked the system's share to 75 percent.

Then, problems arose. Interest rates dipped, lower premiums and early retirement incentives caused hundreds of participants' health care costs skyrocketed and TRS officials were told they could not use interest on pension funds to subsidize insurance plans.

TRS officials predict money to subsidize the program will run out in April.

A governor's task force met three times without agreeing on a bailout plan but concluded new funding would have to come from state government, school districts, state government or some combination of those sources.

Teachers' organizations contend the state should help with funding since the state foots the bill for health insurance bill for retirees in the other four retirement plans; the only exceptions are TRS and community colleges.

"No group in this state has done a greater service than the retired teachers," said Robert Belletire, a retired teacher from Alton who said state officials seldom seem to recognize that.

Teachers who took advantage of recent early retirement incentives did so expecting

to be eligible for affordable insurance, and they believe it is.

"If I'd known this, I'd have stayed with my school district plan," another said. "I can't go back now."

Illinois Education Association lobbyist Rich Frelleire said he thinks local school districts have some responsibility for retirees' health insurance.

"There are no easy answers here," he said.

Belletire said the elementary and secondary school and community college retirees are among about 120,000 former local government employees in the state.

"None of them have any level of financial security for health care," he said. "I don't think the governor is prepared for the state to take on that kind of obligation."

Belletire said the state has other more pressing needs, including about \$1 billion needed to begin eliminating unfunded liability for TRS pensions. The Legislature recently approved a bipartisan plan to build up state pension funds to 90 percent of projected liabilities over a 50-year period.

He said any resolution to the TRS insurance problem will require General Assembly action.

"If Sen. Bowles has legislation, she probably should introduce it," he said.

— From the Alton Telegraph

School menus

Granite City Public Schools

biscuits, corn, peaches
Fridays: Breakfast: Honey
biscuits, juice; lunch: Tuna salad
sandwich, macaroni and cheese,
slaw, pineapple.

Venice Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Bacon,
biscuits, peaches; lunch: Hot dog
on bun, fries, pineapple, fruit
cup. Tuesday — Institute Day, no
school.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Biscuits
and gravy, fresh fruit; lunch:
Cheeseburger on bun, corn on
the cob, chilled fruit punch.

Thursday — Breakfast: Breakfast
burrito, apple sauce; lunch:
Chili with crackers, peanut butter
sandwich, sliced carrots, fruit
cup.

Friday — Breakfast: Cereal with
toast, orange juice; lunch: Baked
fish dinner, mixed vegetables,
macaroni and cheese, apple pie.

Madison Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Cereal,
juice; lunch: Pizza, fries, fruit
cocktail.

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FAMILY

Church members enjoy cookie exchange

Lucille Martin covers the Pontoon Beach scene for the Press-Record Journal. She can be contacted at 931-0731.

Women of the Pontoon Baptist Church enjoyed a time of fellowship recently. Snacks were served and a cookie exchange followed with each member taking home a dozen of each kind made by the others.

Attending were Lyn Hart, Louise Haynes; Nancy Hedger; Ann Rainwater; Diane Ladd; Peggy Glick; Debbie and Brittaney Nickel; Bobbie Shewmel; Ida Mercer; Darla Herring; Barbara Chaney; Maggie Luffman; Marcie Green; Kim Ladd; Amanda Mouldon; Monica Kumlee; Jori Keener; Tara Falter; Jamie Chapel and Cody Rainwater.



Lucille Martin

and Buddy Haynes.

A foreign mission emphasis book study and pot luck dinner was held Dec. 4 at the Pontoon Baptist Church. There were 12 in attendance.

Tonya Culcutti of Port Charlotte, Fla., was the overnight guest of her aunt, Lucille Martin, recently.

The "Nutcracker" will be featured Friday, Dec. 16, at the Fox Theatre in St. Louis. Members of the St. Louis Chorizonz Plus will board a bus that will leave Central Hardware in Alton at 3:10 p.m. for dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory.

The "Nutcracker" is a holiday jewel and this production has become a family tradition, a musical and visual feast.

For more information, call 465-3298.

Linda Haynes of Kokomo, Ind., has returned to the community after spending the past month in the home of her son and family, George and Louise Haynes. They accompanied her to Indiana and visited in the home of a sister and brother in Indianapolis.

The group then spent a few days in Carmel, Ind., visiting other relatives and enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner with daughter Amanda and Alice; John and Alma Baldwin; Hollis; and Nancy Cochran; Melody Cochran



Employees at Colonial Care Center make their way through the food line during the center's anniversary/employee appreciation day.

Colonial Care Center recognizes employees

Colonial Care Center celebrated its sixth anniversary and employee appreciation day on November 15. To commemorate the occasion, staff members were honored with a luncheon at the nursing home with residents and family members present.

All the employees were presented with a certificate for a Thanksgiving turkey from Cioskos Market, a certificate of appreciation with their name, a year of service and a cash bonus for years of service.

The following staff members were recognized: Dorothy Mann, 17 years; Rose Tanksley, 18 years; Aileen Edwards, 10 years; Barbara Skalsky, 10 years and Vera LeVart, 8 years.

Employees with five years each are Jane Martin, 10 years; Sara Gravlin, 10 years; Marcy Edwards, Kathy Nohl, Sharon Hick and Patsy Beavin. Employees with four years each are Mitchell Bryant, Robin Byrum, Peggy Hart, Diane Volk and Patricia Richardson.

Employees with three years each are Vicki Powell, Sandra Mason, Cheryl Watson, Shirley Foote, Amy Green and Patsy Wojciechowski. Employees with two years of service are Mich-

elle Caudelle, Carrie Leone, Sue Brown, Judy Bravin, Tracy Alfaro, Glenda Grimm, Tammy Salzman and Debbie Swiatko.

Employees with one year are Sara Gravlin, Lisa Fernandez, Pat Crider, Ing Vincent, Elmer Walck, Gladys Oliver, Gail Dohlin, Georgia Burwer, Wanda Hollis, Shirley Burros, Cynthia Dwan, Diana Hardesty, Melanie LeVart, Rebecca Stephens and Jo Gustafson.

Employees with less than one year of service to the residents of Colonial Care Center and the community.

Milestones

Chris Carney celebrated his 23rd birthday Dec. 4.

Ray Israel celebrated his 32nd birthday Dec. 10.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Davidson celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Dec. 10.

Joyce Johnnessen Miller celebrated her 41st birthday today, Dec. 11.

Amy Wright celebrates her 18th birthday today, Dec. 11.

Jessica Paschadec celebrates her 18th birthday today, Dec. 11.

Natlie Koehler celebrates her 34th birthday Dec. 14.

Karen Pickett will celebrate her 21st birthday today, Dec. 11.

Stan Myers celebrates his birthday today, Dec. 11.

Sara Myers celebrates her birthday today, Dec. 11.

George Kamacho will celebrate his 25th birthday Dec. 13.

Melinda Piron will celebrate her 21st birthday Dec. 13.

Flora "Polly" Miles will celebrate her 6th birthday Dec. 13.

Hollie Wright will celebrate her 14th birthday Dec. 14.

Donna Miller will celebrate her 35th birthday Dec. 14.

Karen Pickett will celebrate her 35th birthday Dec. 15.

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Sodality party set for Tuesday

St. Elizabeth Ladies Sodality held its Nov. 22 meeting with Cindy Whitt, president, presiding. In attendance were 44 members, one guest, Marie Huff and one guest, Renee Ratkewicz. Father Robert DeGrand and Dennis Riggs were present and spoke to the group on parish investing.

Elected to serve as new officers for 1995 were Cindy Whitt, president; Kathy Mangi, vice-president; Vickie Jacobs, secretary and Marilyn Hahn, treasurer.

The annual Ladies Sodality Christmas party will be held Dec. 18 starting with a 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7. Under correspondence, a letter was read from the Old Six Mile Historical Society. It was given to give the group a contribution of funds to help with the restoration of their museum.

Prizes for the evening were awarded as follows: Queen of the night to Michael Minnick, attendance to Betty Winburner, Madonna to Mary Ohlendorf and pot of gold to Sharon Loftus.

Whitt thanked hostesses Arlene Miller, Linda Miller, Milisa Cleo Schneidke and Helen DeRuntz for refreshments. Hostesses for the January meeting will be Florence Moore, Nancy Norris, Pat Loftus and Alice Loftus.

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The holiday season, for most people, is a time of celebration and cheer; a time to share with family and friends. But for others, there may not be anything jolly about the winter months. A surprising number of people become stressed and depressed.

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Births

Alexander Dennis and Brigitte Granite City had the birth of their first son, Alexander James, 2:50 p.m. Oct. 22, at St. John Hospital. His mother is Dennis Granite City.

Darren Heiman, Mo., and Diane are the parents of their first child, Quinten Allen, p.m. Oct. 11, in Marion Hospital. His mother is Diane Granite City.

Quinton West and Wanda have announced the birth of their fifth child, Quinten Allen, p.m. Oct. 11, in Marion Hospital. His mother is Wanda Granite City.

Katherine Eric, 5:40 a.m. Oct. 11, son Hospital. His mother is Denise, 8 p.m. Oct. 11, in Marion Hospital. His mother is Denise Granite City.

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FAMILY



Fire safety — Following a recent fire safety awareness program, students at Wilson School received pencils and rulers from the Granite City Fire Department. Shown, from left, are sixth graders Brandi Lassen and Amber Schmisseur with firefighter Rich Moore.

SEMC affiliation, mission remains unchanged

Have you heard the latest rumor? They may still have the status quo on Washington Avenue, but there are not any Sisters at the hospital anymore. It was sold to (pick your favorite) a foreign conglomerate or one of those hospitals in New York City, right?

Wrong.

St. Elizabeth Medical Center, in Granite City, is owned and operated by the Sisters of Divine Providence. This one fact has remained, no matter how much SEMC has rearranged services to meet changes in the market and grown to better fulfill the health needs of the community.

SEMC's mission statement reflects its close relationship with the Sisters.

At St. Elizabeth Medical Center, the Sisters of Divine Providence and all associated with SEMC share in Jesus' mission. In all that we are present to the world as they bear witness in the health care ministry to God's Providential care.

Respect for the human person permeates relationships with those who work at SEMC and especially with patients as their health care needs are addressed with the resources available.

In reaffirmation of SEMC's long-term commitment to the community, we will concentrate on the development of comprehensive services in meeting current and future health care needs.

"Each day, the mission of the medical center is shown in conversations among associates, volunteers and members of the medical staff," said Sister Mary Thomas, chairman of the medical center's board of trustees. "The medical center was founded to serve the community, to become a focus for health education that would help those who serve live up to the standards of health care.

Our mission is a reflection of total care, the maintenance, enhancement and restoration of health as well as the care of the terminally ill. We recognize the

Executive Officer Ted Ellerman said, "The vision statement provides the institution a direction in its decision-making for the future. The operating words are the statement and 'Christian values' (our mission) and 'preferred choice' (quality and service)."

You will also find SEMC's mission in each of the seven points of the medical center's philosophy.

"1. We are unique because we are made in the image and likeness of God; therefore, our concept of total care embraces the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of each patient and family member."

Our mission is an extension of Christ's mission of mercy. We carry on that mission by serving all, regardless of race, creed or ability to pay.

Our primary objective involves the maintenance, enhancement and restoration of health as well as the care of the terminally ill. We recognize the

patient's right to refuse treatment to the extent permitted by law and to be informed of the medical consequences of his or her actions."

"2. We have an obligation to provide quality care to our patient population and to do so with the best available resources. This is a selection of qualified, competent physicians, associates and volunteers."

"3. Our physicians, associates and volunteers will treat every one with respect and dignity. All patients have a right to expect maximum confidentiality, therefore, case discussion, consultation, examination and treatment are confidential, conducted discreetly."

"4. We will encourage, evaluate and support innovative ideas and programs in health services delivery."

"5. Our medical center is a community facility, planning and operating in accord with the needs of those we serve."

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The Eagles Auxiliary holds bingo each Sunday afternoon at the Nameoki Bingo Center. There will be no bingo on Christmas Day.

Organizations

Eagles Auxiliary

The Eagles Auxiliary recently held its second meeting of November with 32 members in attendance. The president opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Guest for the evening was Martha Howlett, Alton Auxiliary madam president. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

An initiation ceremony was given by Ann Pates, Barbara Modrusic, Connie Motl, Millie Weathers, Linda and Linda for three new members, Esther Greathouse, Mariann Wahl and Valentine Cardin. A moment of silent prayer was given for Pat Lawrence's mother, Helen. Alice Burt's sister, Betty Portell, who have both recently passed away.

Vinice Zerlan requested the conductor to escort Barbara Modrusic, junior past president, to the altar and presented her with the certificate issued by the Alton Auxiliary for "No Goose Egg Year 1993-94".

Prizes announced that the first meeting of December will be held Dec. 13. A Christmas dinner will be prepared by the association and each member will pay \$4 which will be used to purchase clothing, food or toys for the family, which the group has adopted as the Christmas project. There, instead the \$5 will also be used for the food drive for the homeless and needy.

The secretary, Margaret Turner, read the minutes of the previous meeting. Dorothy Rivensburgh read the treasurer's report. Ruth Circle, Dorcas Circle and Sarah Circle gave their reports on their recent meetings. Linda Stumpf had four books that she recommended as reading chairperson. Ruth Leikle gave a report on the Christian Women United Christmas gift. Dorcas Edmonds reported the group will start making health kits in January.

It was also announced that the 20th Sunday school class and the church will be having a chili luncheon to benefit the music fund.

Members of the Dorcas Circle served refreshments to the following persons: Helen O'Neil, Myra Purish, Marge Kacer, Rudy Leikle, Ruby Hart, Beth Mirus, Sharon Calaway, Rev. Carrie Culleen, Helen Hart, Betty Brecht, Linda Edwards, Danielle Fornson, Mildred Ries, Dorothy Riverburgh, Margaret Turner and Mary Lee Lorton.

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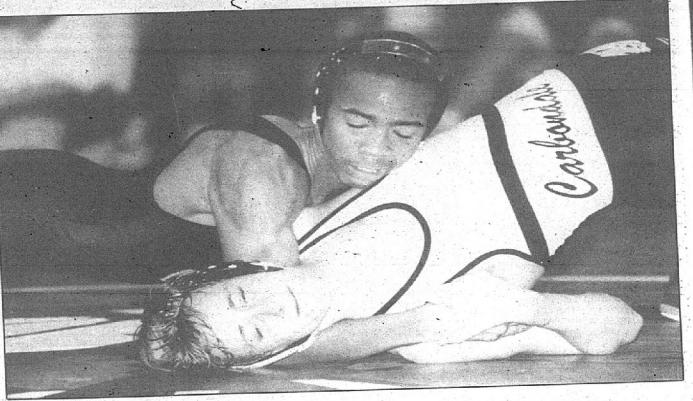
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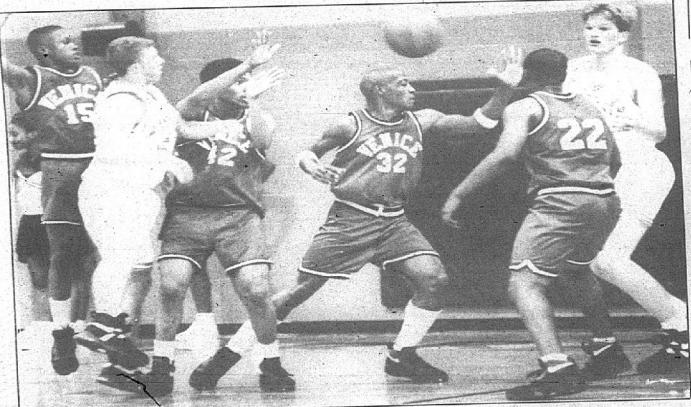
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Above: The Grigsby eighth-grade basketball team enters the court against Coolidge.
Right: Grigsby's Elliot Dine prepares to shoot a free throw.

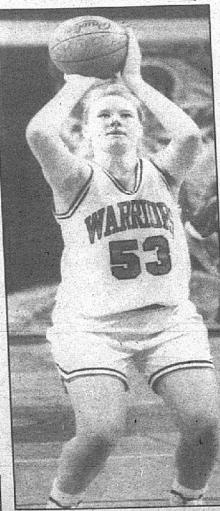


Above: Granite City's Myke Glover tries to pin a Carbondale opponent.
Below: Warriors' heavyweight Chris Janek is on his way to another victory.

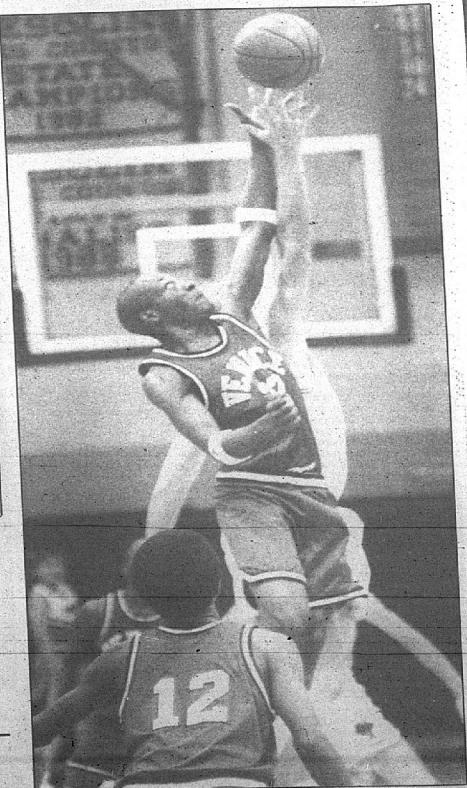


Above: Venice players (from left) Lindsay Weathers, Edwin Barbee, Donald Harris and Ron Taylor keep an eye on the ball during Tuesday's 64-51 loss at Wesclin.

Below: Granite City's Clint Phelps controls the puck.



Granite City's Stephanie Brandt concentrates at the free throw line.



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Venice's Donald Harris leaps for a rebound against Wesclin.

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SPORTS

•Schedules

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10 at Calumet 6:15 p.m.
10 at Belleville Shootout TBA
12 at Wescalin 6:30 p.m.
16 Freeburg 6:30 p.m.
26 Freeburg Tournament TBA

January
6 at Marissa 6:30 p.m.
10 Alton 6:30 p.m.
12 Carlyle 6:30 p.m.
17-21 Spartans Tournament TBA
24 at Madison 6:30 p.m.
27 at Wescalin 6:30 p.m.
31 Okawville 6:30 p.m.

February
3 at Dupo 6:30 p.m.
7 at New Athens 6:30 p.m.
10 Columbia 6:30 p.m.
14 Central 6:30 p.m.
17 at Red Bud 6:30 p.m.

LUTHERAN KNIGHTS
(1-2)

November
12 Valmeyer W 71-52
24 Dupo L 66-73
25 Roxana L 70-82

December
6 Grinnell L 57-76
8 Bunker Hill 6:15 p.m.
9 Jacksonville Shootout
(vs. Jacksonville Routt) 5:30 p.m.
15 St. Charles Luth. Tournament TBA
20 at Coulterville 6:30 p.m.

January
3 at Brussels 6:15 p.m.
5 at Grinnell 6:15 p.m.
13 Orchard Farm 6:15 p.m.
17 at Valmeyer 6:15 p.m.
21 at Roxana 6:15 p.m.
24 at Venetia 6:15 p.m.
27 at Westminster 6:15 p.m.
30 Mulberry Grove 6:15 p.m.

February
3 Whitfield (at Carrollton) 5 p.m.
7 Mount Olive 6:15 p.m.
9 at Silcox 6:30 p.m.
11 at Indians Lutheran 6:30 p.m.
17 St. Charles Lutheran 6:30 p.m.

MADISON TROJANS
(3-3)

November
26 at Collinsville L 34-77
29 Waterloo L 49-47
30 at City County Round Robin W 75-51

December
1 University City L 47-49
3 Roosevelt* W 60-58
6 Edwardsburg L 58-58
8 Jacksonville Shootout 4 p.m.
17 at Mater Dei 8 p.m.
20 Hillsboro 8 p.m.
23 at Collinsville Tournament TBA

January
4 at Venetia 7:30 p.m.
7 Cahokia 8 p.m.
20 East St. Louis 8 p.m.
23 at Okawville 8 p.m.
27 at Springfield Calvary 7:30 p.m.

February
3 at Gateway Christian 8 p.m.

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at Greenville
17 at Teutopolis
24 at Madison Shootout

MASCOUTAH INDIANS
(0-1)

January
6 at Rixen 2:30 p.m.
8 at Highland Shootout 8 p.m.
18 at Alton 8 p.m.

February
3 Wood River 6:15 p.m.
10 at Jerseyville 6:15 p.m.
12 Civic Memorial 6:15 p.m.
18 Highland 6:15 p.m.
24 at Edwardsburg 6:15 p.m.
31 Greenville 6:15 p.m.

VALMEYER PIRATES
(0-6)

January
6 at Wood River 6:15 p.m.
13 at Triad 6:15 p.m.
17-21 Spartans Tournament TBA
24 Roxana 6:15 p.m.
27 Triad 6:15 p.m.
31 at Highland 6:15 p.m.

February
4 at Belleville East 6:15 p.m.
7 Bethalto 6:15 p.m.
10 at Waterloo 6:15 p.m.
12 at Mater Dei 6:15 p.m.
14 Wood River 6:15 p.m.
19 O'Fallon 6:15 p.m.
21 at Jerseyville 6:15 p.m.

March
2 at Marquette L 29-65
5 at Chester L

6 at Dupo L 60-87
10 at Waterloo 6:30 p.m.
16 at New Athens 6:30 p.m.
18 at Columbia 6:30 p.m.
23 at Red Bud 6:30 p.m.
26-29 Freeburg Tournament 6:30 p.m.

WESCLIN WARRIORS
(1-1)

January
6 at Wesdin L 62-71
14 Alton Marquette L 58-71
25 St. Charles Luth. L

February
3 at Marquette L 29-65
6 at Chester L

7 at Dupo L 60-87
10 at Waterloo 6:30 p.m.
16 at New Athens 6:30 p.m.
18 at Columbia 6:30 p.m.
23 at Central 6:30 p.m.

March
3 at Carlyle 6:30 p.m.
7 at Columbia 6:30 p.m.
17 at Central 6:30 p.m.

O'FALLON PANTHERS
(2-1)

January
10 at East Alton 6:30 p.m.
13 at Crossroads 6:30 p.m.
17 Metro East Luth. 6:30 p.m.
20 at Livingston 6:30 p.m.
23 at Brussels 6:30 p.m.

February
4 at Coulterville 6:30 p.m.
9 at Bunker Hill 6 p.m.
10 Livingston 6:30 p.m.
14 at Marissa 6:30 p.m.

March
30 at Freeburg L

VENICE RED DEVILS
(0-4)

January
3 at Marion 6:15 p.m.
4 at Granite City 6:15 p.m.
10 Mount Vernon 6:15 p.m.
11 Central 6:15 p.m.
12 at Carbondale 6:15 p.m.
21 at Mascoutah 6:15 p.m.
24 Highland 6:15 p.m.

February
3 at Marion 6:15 p.m.
4 at Granite City 6:15 p.m.
10 Mount Vernon 6:15 p.m.
11 Central 6:15 p.m.
12 at Carbondale 6:15 p.m.
21 at Mascoutah 6:15 p.m.
24 Highland 6:15 p.m.

TRIAD KNIGHTS
(2-0)

January
2 Granite City W 87-54
9 at Wood River 6:15 p.m.
16 at Highland 6:15 p.m.
17 at Venetia 6:15 p.m.
20 Roxana 6:15 p.m.
23-29 Collinsville Tournament TBA

February
3 at Marion 6:15 p.m.
4 at Granite City 6:15 p.m.
10 Mount Vernon 6:15 p.m.
11 Central 6:15 p.m.
12 at Carbondale 6:15 p.m.
21 at Mascoutah 6:15 p.m.
24 Highland 6:15 p.m.

March
3 at Althoff 6:15 p.m.
6 at Wesdin L 51-56
13 at Marion 6:15 p.m.
17 at Livingston 6:15 p.m.
26-29 Freeburg Tournament TBA

January
4 at Madison 6:15 p.m.
10 Normal 6:15 p.m.
14-17 at Decatur Shootout 4 p.m.
16 Cardinal Ritter Normandy 6:15 p.m.

February
17-21 Spartans Tournament TBA
24 Metro East Luth. 6:15 p.m.
27 Alton 6:15 p.m.
31 Columbia 6:15 p.m.

March
3 Sumner 6:15 p.m.
8 at Gateway 4:30 p.m.

Postseason
Class A

Feb. 20-24: Regionals

Feb. 27-March 3: Sectionals

March 7: Super-sectionals

March 14: State tournament

Class AA

Feb. 27-March 3: Regionals

March 14: Sectionals

March 17-18: State tournament

•Warriors

(Continued from Page 1B)

Granite City finished shooting 50 percent on the night (19 of 38).

They hit eight of their 14 three-point attempts, and Simpson hit his last three attempts from beyond the arc.

"Jay and Wayne both shot the ball well, but we should have been able to cover the two men who we knew were their shoot-

ers."

The other team had much time

to rest, as East Side was to face

Peoria Manual on the Gateway

Shootout on Saturday, while

Granite City got ready to host

Edwardsville on Saturday.

Van Buskirk was to miss the

Edwardsville game also.

Luehmann said, "Simpson finally got going with his threes, and Meyers showed a lot of good moves in the lane."

"It's a lack of defense,"

Howard said. "They shot the ball well, but we should have been able to cover the two men

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The merger committee members include, from left, standing, Tom Wilkerson, Robert Stevens, Sandra Grey, Jo Ann Watts, Mina McBriar and Emma Bosworth; seated, Irene Orr, Louise Anderson, Kimberly and Debbie Yockey and Dorothy Cramer. Not shown are Joyce Toussaint and Earl Benoit.

Merger of Presbyterian churches OK'd

The merger of the Presbyterian churches of Madison and Nameoki (Granite City) has been approved by the Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy. The merger became effective Nov. 19.

The combined membership has chosen United Presbyterian Church (USA) for the name of the new, merged congregation and will meet at the church at 1700 Pontoon Road, formerly the Nameoki Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Charles Schreiber, now serving both congregations, will continue as a stated supply pastor of the newly merged church.

A celebration to honor this

union will be held on Jan. 1, during the worship service at 10:15 a.m. All members of the former congregations not present are invited to join in this event. Following worship, refreshments will be served.

Months of preparation, study and prayer have been part of this accomplishment and the churches are looking forward to growing, reaching out, worshiping and serving the community.

The congregations have worshipped weekly together since August, combining Sunday school, youth and adult activities, fellowships and other spe-

cial occasions. The merger committee was formed in September and has enlisted many members to serve in order to accomplish goals.

Services will be held at the former Nameoki Church on Dec. 13 at 10:15 a.m. with Sunday school for children, youth and adults at 9 a.m. The same day, services for Sunday school and worship will be held on Dec. 18 and 25 at the former Madison Church. A Christmas Eve communion service will be celebrated at Madison on Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend these services.

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He will autograph figures and describe the fascinating details of his hand-crafting process, breakfacing Fontanini Heirloom Nativities, which have been prized for their lifelike beauty and detailing since 1908. The Nativity figures are crated in Barga, Lucca, Italy.

In Europe, the stunning life-sized version of the Fontanini Nativity graces the Pope's private papal quarters and has been displayed at Brussels, Lucca, Ancona and Palermo cathedrals. The Nativities have been featured in the magazine of Via Gregorio, the Italian equivalent of the New Orleans Mardi Gras. In America, millions of film-goers have viewed the set in a Christmas scene in the movie, "Home Alone."

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